

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 14, 2007

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 8:35 am by Marilyn Wilkinson
2. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA
 - Paul Davis – I have found some information from the Farm Bureau about water issues. Natural Heritage magazine from Iowa and they talk about getting carbon credits for planting trees and I know that Parks plants a lot of trees and might be able to sign up for this. They are also putting up windmills to generate alternative power, which is something that maybe we could do.
 - ♦ Brian Albright – We actually went through some environmental studies looking at the possibility of windmills in the Santa Ysabel area, but there were not enough studies done, especially as they relate to birds so it did not go anywhere.
 - Jim Peugh – I was at a water meeting yesterday and it was interesting to find out that all of the City's watershed areas are not owned by the city, but are owned by the county. I think that it would be very beneficial to make sure that we are using the watersheds as a way to get grants and preserve these resources.
 - Marilyn Wilkinson – When I was attending the GP 2020 meetings there was a guideline that nothing could be built in the flood plain, which makes some of the growth very difficult, but they were looking at passive use and recreation so that if it does flood it will not be a big impact.
 - Doug Goad – We had a gentleman come to one of our meetings in Encinitas and he gave a presentation on recreational opportunities for your area at www.govavi.com/volunteers.php.
 - Paul Davis – The Del Mar/Solana Beach Rotary Club is having a fundraiser/donation drive to extend the San Dieguito Lagoon Trail, so if anyone is interested in donating a plank you can do so.
 - John Degenfelder – Are there any signs available for use on the trails?
 - ♦ We will have to look into that and let you know.
3. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 10, 2007 MINUTES
 - Approval of August 10, 2007 Minutes
 - MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 10, 2007 – Doug Goad, 2nd Paul Davis
 - ALL IN FAVOR – 7-0-0
4. DEPARTMENT REPORT – Mike Haraway
 - Distributed the August accomplishments.
 - On August 14, 2007 we invited staff and members of this committee to attend our Strategic Planning meeting and we had staff and two members of this committee at the meeting.
 - Barnett Ranch opened on August 4, 2007.
 - We also concluded our Movies in the Park series which had over 1,500 people attending events throughout the summer at various facilities.

- We are going to be having numerous ribbon cuttings and ground breakings in the next couple of months, so we will send you a schedule of these events to put on your calendar.
 - September 21, 2007 – Otay Valley Regional Park Beyer Boulevard Staging Area
 - October 15, 2007 – Lakeside Ballfield Groundbreaking
 - October 26, 2007 – Goodan Ranch Visitor Center Ribbon Cutting

- 5. 2008 PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR – Mike Haraway
 - Distributed the proposed 2008 meeting schedule for the 2nd Friday of the month.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2008 PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR – Rod Groenewold, 2nd Doug Goad
ALL IN FAVOR – 8-0-0

- 6. PLDO and CSA Fund Balance Reports – Melissa Lowrey
 - Distributed the updated PLDO and CSA reports.
 - ◆ Roger Utt – Now that we have the money what kind of projects will be coming forward?
 - ◆ Marilyn Wilkinson – Now that we have the money there will be advisory boards put together and then the staff will work with them to see what projects are wanted in the community and then there will be a project list put together, so I would think that probably in the spring we might be able to see some type of project list.
 - The Development division staff goes out to the community groups to get input and then we put together the projects that we can based on what the community has expressed.
 - ◆ Marilyn Wilkinson – We just have to remember that by ordinance the PLDO fees can't be used for maintenance or administrative costs.

- 7. RAMONA GRASSLANDS – Jennifer Haines
 - The department received a \$1.5 million Prop 13 State Water Grant administered through the State Water Resources Control Board for the Ramona Grasslands which funded the acquisition of the 390 acre Cagney property, biological surveys, water quality monitoring, and invasive species removal efforts.
 - The end result was the Area Specific Management Directive (ASMD) discussing guidelines for management and monitoring of the entire proposed Preserve including managed grazing and a proposed trail system through the Preserve.
 - A Baseline Conditions report was also completed, which includes the results of the field surveys.
 - There are also some endangered species on the property including the arroyo toad and Stephens' kangaroo rat.
 - All of these reports are available online.
 - ◆ Jim Peugh – Does this include long range preserve and management plans?
 - Yes, the ASMD includes long range planning.
 - ◆ Paul Davis – Is there going to be any type of recreation or development on this property? What about grazing?
 - No, this will be kept as an open space preserve with just some of the designated trails for hiking. Yes, there is currently some grazing on the land.

- ◆ Paul Davis – Are there any plans to have some baseball fields or active recreation in some of these areas so that we don't run into this problem later with no space for this type of recreation.
- ◆ Doug Goad – There are already ballfields at Wellfield Park as well as a rodeo arena.
- ◆ John Degenfelder – There are also some additional ballfields and a park near the school, but they are still always looking for more space for recreational activities for the area.
- ◆ Jim Peugh – What is being done to make sure that the upcoming development does not impact this area with lighting, etc.
- I reviewed new development plans adjacent to the Preserve and made sure proposed development adjacent to our property does not impact our area with lights or encroachment issues. Most of the areas that are next to our property are actually going to be kept as open space.
- We should get about 4 miles of trails on our section of land.

8. UPDATE ON SUNSET REVIEW (TITLE 4) – Brian Albright

- This was brought to a previous meeting where there was input given by this committee.
- These comments were taken and incorporated into our final draft.
- The Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission [FWAC] asked to see our revised sunset review, and we provided it to them. They have not responded as a committee, but as individual members. These comments from FWAC members were mostly about wanting us to allow hunting at our parks and preserves.
 - ◆ John Degenfelder – Where are people going to go hunting?
- There are some state, federal and private lands in the county that allow hunting.
 - ◆ John Degenfelder – There is a place out by me called Orosco Ridge that many of the officers use for target practice and others come out to use and I have ridden my horse out there a couple of times, but then when you start hearing the gun shots and don't know exactly where they are coming from so I left for my own safety. There is also a large amount of trash that is left behind from all of this.
 - ◆ Doug Goad – I think that we have to work to protect our lands and that this is not something that is compatible with our parks.
 - ◆ Rod Groenewold – I think that we have to not just put everything that involves guns into the same category. There are some great recreation programs run by the NRA for youth groups that are not hunting, but involve guns.
 - ◆ Jim Peugh – I was on a bird count and there was someone out there that was out there hunting and because there is such a fear of guns many of the people that were on this with me were very traumatized and we have to remember this when we look at allowing firearms.

9. Opportunity for Members of Public to Speak on Any Items Not on Today's Agenda

- None

10. Adjournment 9:30 am Marilyn Wilkinson

ATTENDEES:

John Carroll, District 1 (arrived at 9:00 am)

Marilyn Wilkinson, District 2

John Degenfelder, District 2

Doug Goad, District 3

Paul Davis, District 3

Jim Peugh, District 4

Roger Utt, District 4

Rod Groenewold, District 5

Brian Albright, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Mike Haraway, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Sabrina Hicks, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Melissa Lowrey, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Jennifer Haines, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Teresa Beauharnois, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation